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FROM USDEL TO LUCERNE ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

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SUBJECT: ICRC COMMENTS ON SCHEDULING OF SECOND SESSION
OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND
ON FUTURE WORK ON WEAPONS

1. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION OCT 1 WITH MEMBERS
OF USDEL, PICTET AND PILLOUD OF ICRC INDICATED THAT
THEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY SWISS THAT THERE REAL POSSIBILITY
OF SHORTENING SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW BY ADJOURNING PRIOR
TO EASTER IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE (OR ELIMINATE) OVERLAP
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WITH LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. (THIS IS CONTRARY TO

INFORMATION REPORT PARA 6 OF PARIS 22620.) IN
EVENT SECOND SESSION IS SHORTENED, THIRD SESSION OF
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ENVISAGED.

2. CONCERNING WORK ON CONVENTION WEAPONS, PICTET
SAW WORK IN EARLY STAGES AND NO DEFINITIVE RESULTS
COULD BE EXPECTED EITHER FROM PRESENT CONFERENCE OR
FROM SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. HE
THOUGHT TOPIC HAD NOT MATURED ENOUGH FOR ICRC TO
PROPOSE ANY TEXT TO SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE. HE EXPECTS DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WEAPONS
COMMITTEE BASICALLY TO DO ANOTHER ROUND OF PREPARATORY
WORK. IT APPEARS IDEA OF A FOLLOW ON SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS NEXT YEAR IS BEGINNING
TO GAIN SOME FAVOR.
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